(*b*) if so, how many such applications have been received by them; and

(*c*) the action taken upon them?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Two applications, dated the 14th September 1925 and the 15th Chingam 1102, respectively, were received from Mr. Syed Abdulla Sahib, *Unani Vaidyan*, Cantonment, Trivandrum, for the award of grant-in-aid.

(*c*) His first application was rejected. His second application is being considered by the Government.

Reduction of Tolls.

64. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): With regard to my motion for the reduction of tolls, printed at pages 197 to 216 of Vol. IX of the Council Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action taken by them in the matter;

(*b*) if no action has been taken, whether they propose to act in conformity with the spirit of the resolution; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, from which year they propose to do so?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The question was considered by the Government and it was decided to take it up at the time the auctioning of the toll contracts for 1103 comes up for consideration.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know in what month this matter of auctioning the tolls will be considered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A few months before the end of the year.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know the exact date when this matter will be considered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The details are to be looked into by the Chief Engineer who will publish the necessary notification. The matter will come up to the Government before that.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): May I know if the Government recognise it as a constitutional right of this House that the opinion of this House should be accepted and respected by the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer shows that the Government have decided to take the question up at the time of the next auction.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): The answer only shows that the matter is under consideration.

MR. T.P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer will have instructions in the matter and the matter will come up for consideration by the Government in time before the tolls are auctioned for the next year.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): My question is whether it is a constitutional right that the opinions of this House should be respected.

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MR. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Due regard will be shown to them. They cannot be accepted in all cases. The resolutions of this House are only recommendatory. The motion in question is further a token motion for the reduction of one rupee. That amount has been reduced in the budget.

Notes of Inspection by the Dewan.

65. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it had not been usual for the Dewan to record notes of inspection of offices or institutions and issue them for the information of all those concerned; and

(*b*) whether Mr. M. E. Watts has recorded any such notes in respect of inspections made by him as stated in reply to my interpellations at the last session, and, if so, whether they will lay them on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The notes cannot be laid on the table.

Recall of Miss D. H. Watts.

66. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Miss D. H. Watts, Lady Principal, Women's College, who is away on leave in England, has been asked to cancel the remaining portion of her leave and rejoin duty immediately; and

(*b*) whether any money is given her for the return journey, and, if so, the amount?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. An amount approximately equivalent to what she is entitled to under Article 483 of the Travancore Service Regulations has been advanced to her.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the exact amount paid to Miss Watts as travelling allowance?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): £ 100 was paid as advance.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether any officer is entitled to get travelling allowance when he is on leave?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): If an officer is recalled, he is entitled to get travelling allowance under Article 483 of the Travancore Service Regulations.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What would be the difference in the number of days if Miss Watts had not been recalled?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That will be about two months; not less than that.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any previous instance of officers being recalled when they are on leave?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There must be instances. We are collecting information on that point.

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